

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education of August 26, 2024

Call to Order:

The meeting was held at the Conference Center 119 W. Pioneer Trail and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Board members were present.

Acknowledgement of Visitors and Hearing of Public

There was no public comment.

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2024 were approved as amended.

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Mehallis
Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Schneider

No: None: motion carried

Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Reports

Mr. Roberto shared plans with the Board for various community events for the 7.57 mill bond issue on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

Community Meeting Dates:

Aug. 16th - Convocation Day with the ACSD Staff

Aug. 20th - Aurora Chamber of Commerce

Sept 9th - Aurora All Sports Boosters

Sept. 10th- Aurora Schools Foundation

Sept. 19th - Aurora Senior Center Meeting (Walker Building 10:00 a.m.)

Sept. 19th - Woods of Aurora @ Conference Center 7:00 p.m.

Sept 24th - Howard Hanna Realtors @ HH Building 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 24th - Community Info Night @ ASCD Conference Center 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 25th - Aurora Rotary Club @ The Church in Aurora 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 26th - Superintendent's Advisory Council
(Composed of representatives from 16 different community groups)

THEN GOING INTO THE LAST MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION

TBD - League of Women's Voter Meet the Candidate Night

Oct. 2nd - Community Info Night ASCD Conference Center 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 9th - Aurora PTO 10:00 a.m. @ ACSD Conference Center

Oct. 17th - Community Info Night @ ASCD Conference Center 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 22nd - Community Info Night @ ASCD Conference Center 7:00 p.m.

October 28th - November 1st - Online [Lunch and Learn about the Levy](#) 12:00-12:30 p.m. daily.
(Bill V. & Mike R. host)

There is also a potential to add other dates as we are waiting to hear back from Hawthorne, Four Seasons, Barrington, and Walden.

Each of these informational sessions will follow the same basic format with a 20-minute or so summary of the bond issue followed by a question-and-answer period. They are scheduled to last about an hour.

Mr. Roberto also provided a quick overview of the District Goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

Getting the Aurora Community into the schools and the schools out into the community through various events will help to nurture the symbiotic relationship we strive for between the community and the schools. This is one of the four overarching goals we have for the district and includes continuing to support school service projects in the community as well as holding events within the schools for the community.

Another overarching goal is to continue to nurture what we call a Greenhouse culture that focuses on the whole child. In particular, we look to build those competencies within our strategic vision on a daily basis to help young people develop the skills that our community values. This year there will be an emphasis on our PBIS process in order to find that balance between stretching young people and meeting their needs.

The next goal, promoting ongoing learning communities, emphasizes that to continue to have a quality school district, staff needs to be empowered which means both ownership in the form of accountability and autonomy. We emphasize that it is not, “Do you have the knowledge to teach?” it is “Do you have an understanding of how young people learn?” This means we need to be able to collaborate within our PLCs and build staff collective efficacy in order to best meet the needs of young people.

The last overarching district goal ties into achievement which is often the only measure the public sees. You have heard me say that we believe if we focus on the “roots” also known as our “competencies” then the natural byproduct will be high achievement on our testing and rankings. This is something Dr. Milcetic is going to touch upon in his report but I did want to emphasize that we view learning as a process and not just an outcome. However, we do have strong outcomes and will continue to work to increase achievement as measured by both state and national organizations. I also want to emphasize that it is not just achievement that is impacted by this approach, but by focusing on the roots we also can close the gap for struggling learners and so this goal is also designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities, our English language learners, and minority populations within the district.

Working towards these goals in the past has helped us to be recognized as one of only six school districts in the state out of over 600 to earn five stars on all five components in consecutive years on the State Report Card and we believe they will continue to help us do so for the 2024-2025 school year.

Dr. Milcetic updated the Board on the curriculum and instruction goals for the school year.

1. Community and School Connections

- *District Meetings with tda*
- *Superintendent Advisory Council Meetings*

- *New Master Facility Plan Presentation/Communication*
- *Community Meetings and November Bond Issue Information Nights*
- *Various activities, events, and committees that create a school/community connection, including ASF and Cybersecurity Advisory Council*

Dr. Milcetich discussed his role on the Aurora Schools Foundation as Liaison, as well as the Cybersecurity Council which will meet four times this year and support this new program at AHS.

2. Focus on the Whole Child

- *MTSS Team Agendas/Action Items (District and Building)*
- *PBIS Meetings/Training/PD*
- *Intervention/Progress Monitoring in Math/Reading/Behavior*
- *2a/2b Alignment with Tiers 1 and 3 - Precise Goals*
- *Examine/refine targeted intervention at grades 4th-7th, especially in terms of math intervention*
- *Expand Aims-Web practices 6-12 for targeted populations*
- *Revisiting the “Why” and especially the “How” of PBIS as a district through building and district level meetings and action items*
- *Healthy MTSS & PBIS in place that positively impacts young people and supports staff as measured by the data from MTSS & PBIS*

Dr. Milcetich reiterated the work he leads with Mike Maglionico for the District PBIS and MTSS teams, which are then carried out at the building level and also noted the expansion of our benchmark assessment systems to some segments of our high school and middle school teams.

3. Ongoing Learning Communities

- *Weekly PLC Meetings/Agendas/Actions Items/Artifact, Lesson Study*
- *Regular DAT Meetings/Agendas/Action Items, Instructional Rounds 2.0*
- *PD Day Agendas*
- *Curriculum Revision Release Days*
- *K-5 Core Curriculum pilot and adoption process while maintaining framework and blended approach*
- *Math/Reading Specialist/Interventionist Training/PD*
- *GATHER/Kinder-Base K-2 Continued*
- *GATHER NXT Pilot Expanded to full year course*
- *Cybersecurity Program launched and solidified*
- *Competency Continuum concept expanded to building level with evidence of beginning stages*
- *Dyslexia and Science of Reading PD completed for PK-12 Licensed Staff (including logistics, tracking, stiped) while revisiting Disciplinary Literacy 6-12*

Dr. Milcetich is present in PLC's, working closely with the administrative team, and spearheading ongoing learning opportunities, such as curriculum release days, PD Days, and mandatory training like the extensive Dyslexia and Science of Reading Training this year.

4. Learning as a Process

- *PD Day/Training, Curriculum Release and Summer Curriculum Work, Targeted Coaching*
- *Building Staff Meeting PD*
- *Utilization of OST Released Analysis (Power BI)*
- *Utilization of Readiness Assessments/PLC Reflection*
- *OST Scores/Report Card*

- *Gap Closure Targets*

Dr. Milcetic also briefed the Board on the main data sources which comprise our major outside audits or standardized testing, meaning Advanced Placement and End of Course Exams (EOC's) or Ohio State Tests (OST's).

Dr. Milcetic began with Advanced Placement and is as hoping to have further comparative information for the EOC's and perhaps more information on the state report card, which will be released later in the fall. At this point, we are continuing to look for stable growth and consistency in high level achievement as affirmation, while we focus on nurturing the "roots" or competencies in our students. Dr. Milcetic provided visuals which included overall data for AHS since 2010 to provide a longitudinal perspective. The last two years are considered to be banner years in terms of student achievement with some of our strongest AP student achievement scores in school history.

When reviewing the summary, it is important to focus on total numbers of test takers, passage rate, and the numbers of tests passed. Certainly, the mean is important as well, as it is a good indicator of not only passage but also the numbers of 4's and 5's, illustrating the highest levels of achievement. Using that lens for 2024, one can see that 977 is an exceptional number especially considering we have less than 1000 students at AHS. Additionally, the 88% passage is the highest in school history, and the 855 tests passed (translating to college credits earned) is outstanding, especially considering that number is higher than tests taken in years passed. In summary, not only did our AP scores continue an upward trajectory, our students accessed this rigorous curriculum in large numbers and performed at historic levels. This information was extremely exciting to see and provides great confirmation of our approach of focusing on the learning environment (nurturing the roots), which will then produce these types of outcomes.

In terms of further AP accolades, Dr. Milcetic provided a visual created by AHS Principal Mr. Hayes, which illustrates the number of AHS students who earned the recognition of AP Scholar, whether they were in the category of AP Scholar (3 tests passed), AP Scholars with Honor (4 tests passed and 3.25 average), or AP Scholars with Distinction (5 tests passed and 3.5 average). Nearly 200 AHS students achieved at extremely high levels due to their hard work and that of our AP Instructors, as well as staff who have helped establish the previous foundation. Our school and community take pride in this effort, which is an excellent reflection of the overall health of our learning environment.

Treasurer's Report/Recommendations

For the month of July, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$5,056,297. This increases the general fund cash balance to \$18,930,529 after the first month of the fiscal year. For the month of July, revenues were 9.44% less than projected while expenditures were 1.35% greater than projected.

The initial revenue and expenditure projections for FY25 were developed by utilizing the budgeted line items and the average percentage of receipt or expense in the appropriate line item from previous years. The monthly figures were then adjusted based upon known parameters such as three pay months, payment for capital projects, etc.

On the revenue side, four real property tax advances totaling \$8,230,240 were received from the Portage County Auditor. Last July, the tax advances totaled \$9,175,445. The July advances were \$969,760 less than projected but, as was mentioned in the past, is a function of the tax collection rate. The final real estate tax settlement from the Portage County Auditor is expected to be received sometime in August.

On the expenditure side, all of the categories exhibited some variance but at this point there is nothing of any magnitude to be concerned with. The major cause of these variances at this stage is the timing of making payments.

Thus far for the fiscal year, revenues are \$957,600 less than projected and expenditures are \$55,247 greater than projected. Overall, this results in an unfavorable variance of \$1,012,847 after the first month of the fiscal year.

The total cash balance for all funds is \$21,260,779.37 with the general fund having a cash balance of \$18,930,528.59. This overall cash balance is \$4,670,143.29 greater than that at the end of June which can be accounted for by:

- *The \$5,056,297 excess of revenues over expenditures in the general fund.*
- *Real estate tax advances to the Bond Retirement Fund (Fund 002) of \$248,841 and to the Permanent Improvement Fund (Fund 003) of \$158,460.*
- *Expenditures over revenues (mainly because of advance returns) of:*
 - *\$104,040 out of the Food Service Fund (Fund 006)*
 - *\$26,811 out of the Student Activity Funds (Fund 200)*
 - *\$42,906 out of the Athletic Funds (Fund 300)*
 - *\$45,000 out of the State Program Funds (400 Funds)*
 - *\$497,112 out of the Federal Program Funds (500 Funds)*

The Appropriation Amendments resolution is needed to transfer funds between the High School Cheerleading Camp Account to the Harmon Cheerleading Camp Account. Proper accounting procedures dictate that the transfers be run through the general fund. Also, an advance is being made to the Food Service Fund (Fund 006) to begin the school year. The advance will be returned to the General Fund.

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Approve Financial Statements and Reports

WHEREAS the financial statements and reports (including revenues, disbursements, and balances) for the funds herein specified have been presented to the members of the Board at least two days prior to the meeting:

General Fund	Dated: 7/31/24
Student Activity Fund	Dated: 7/31/24
Categorical Funds	Dated: 7/31/24
Investments	Dated: 7/31/24
Debts	Dated: 7/31/24

WHEREAS the members of the Board have had an opportunity to inquire about any revenue, disbursement, balance, or report;

WHEREAS the public may review such documents in the treasurer's office and the annual financial statements and reports are part of the permanent records of this school district; and

WHEREAS disbursements are prohibited by statute from exceeding the amount appropriated by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 3313.18 and ORC 3313.47, the financial statements and reports are approved as presented insofar as the disbursements are legal expenditures within the appropriated amounts.

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mrs. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich,

Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-180

Approve Appropriation Amendments (Transfer and Advances)

WHEREAS funds must be formally appropriated into items ("accounts") by the Board before funds are permitted to be expended; and

WHEREAS when an appropriations item ("account") has insufficient funds to meet future expenditures an advance/transfer of funds is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of ORC 5705.40, the appropriations measure heretofore adopted is hereby amended as set forth below or on the attachment;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the amended appropriations measure shall be prepared and distributed by the treasurer in such form as the auditor of state prescribes.

Transferred from:

Amount:	Fund SCC:	Description:
\$ 1,210.40	001-0000	General Fund
\$ 1,210.40	300-9011	Cheerleading - Camp

Transferred to:

Amount:	Fund SCC:	Description:
\$ 1,210.40	001-0000	General Fund
\$ 1,210.40	300-9022	Cheerleading - HMS - Camp

Advance from:

Amount:	Fund SCC:	Description:
\$ 75,000.00	001-0000	General Fund

Advance to:

Amount:	Fund SCC:	Description:
\$ 75,000.00	006-0000	Food Service

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Schneider

No: None: motion carried

24-181

Accept Gifts and Contributions (ORC 3313.36)

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accept the following donations and in so doing hereby acknowledges the positive and supportive activities of those listed:

Aurora All Sports Boosters donated \$5198.00 to add water bottle filling stations for the athletic hallway.

Dr. Reid Wenger LLC donated \$500.00 to Girls Soccer

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Mehallis,
Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-182

Accept Resignations

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accepts the **resignations** of the following staff members and/or positions.

Jennifer Bulone
LES Paraeducator

Resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year
Thirteen years of service to the district

Michelle Potts
MES Paraeducator

Resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year
Thirteen years of service to the district

Cheryl Steele
LES Paraeducator

Resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year
Eight years of service to the district

Carol Heiskell
LES Paraeducator

Resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year
Twenty years of service to the district

Megan Kozar
HMS Specialist

Resignation of ELA Specialist position effective August 1, 2024

Matthew Jones
Bus Driver

Resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year

Melisa Carlson
LES Teacher

Retirement effective October 31, 2024
Thirty-two years of service to the district

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-183

Employ Licensed Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of licensed **substitute teacher** for the **2024-25** school year as follows, pending proper licensing and contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Bridget Kirby
Katelynn Cheatham
Julia Walker
Cesira Koning
Heather Bianco
McClane Mitch

Abigail Breiding
Anthony Gizzo
Stephen Kraizel

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-184

Approve Introductory Appointment of Support Staff

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education appoints the following **support staff member** as indicated for an introductory period of 100 work days' contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Haily Villarreal
LES Paraeducator

Effective: August 16, 2024
Amount: Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Kaitlyn Carowick
AHS Paraeducator

Effective: August 16, 2024
Amount: Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Elizabeth Jubell
HMS MD Paraeducator

Effective: August 16, 2024
Amount: MD Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Halston Garza-Pratt
LES MD Paraeducator

Effective: August 16, 2024
Amount: MD Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Taylor Paugh
LES Paraeducator

Effective: August 16, 2024
Amount: Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Cheri Rinehart
AHS Custodian

Effective: August 21, 2024
Amount: Custodian 2nd shift, Step 4
Fund: General

Yuan Lu Beck
LES MD Paraeducator

Effective: August 23, 2024
Amount: MD Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Kathryn Fracci
CES Paraeducator

Effective: August 21, 2024
Amount: Paraeducator, Step 3
Fund: General

Todd Flowers
MES Paraprofessional

Effective: August 20, 2024
Amount: Paraprofessional, Step 2
Fund: General

Theresa Hurst
CES Paraprofessional

Effective: August 20, 2024
Amount: Paraprofessional, Step 5
Fund: General

Amy Marn
LES MD Paraeducator

Effective: September 23, 2024
Amount: MD Paraeducator, Step 1
Fund: General

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky
No: None: motion carried

24-185

Employ Long-Term Substitute Teachers for 2024-25

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education will employ **Megan Kozar**, as a long-term substitute English teacher at Harmon Middle School for the tentative dates of **August 15, 2024 – November 15, 2024** contingent upon proper certification and full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria. The Board chooses to exercise its discretion and pay the rate of **BA, Step 1 100% FTE** for the duration of this contract.

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education agrees to employ **McClane Mitch** as a long-term substitute school guidance counselor for Leighton Elementary School, tentatively from **August 15, 2024-September 30, 2024** contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria. The Board chooses to establish the rate of remuneration in this specific situation to **Daily Substitute Rate (\$125.00/day) plus \$16.13/hr for any hours worked daily over 7.75.**

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky
No: None: motion carried

24-186

Employ Licensed Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of licensed **substitute teacher** for the **2024-25** school year as follows, pending proper licensing and contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Shannon Tack

Jeannine Gurnack

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky
No: None: motion carried

24-187

Employ Support Staff Substitutes for the 2024-25 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of the following in Board approved **support staff substitute positions** (bus driver, custodian/maintenance, secretary, paraprofessional, cafeteria/courier, media clerk, paraeducator) for the **2024-25** school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, on an as needed as assigned basis contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria.

Cesira Koning
Katelyn Cheatham
Sara Snider
Catherine Shively
Lea Echan

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-188

Employ Event Staff Workers

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of the following in Board approved **event staff workers** on an as needed as assigned basis contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria.

Non-District Employees

Mary Beth Tuma

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-189

Award Supplemental/Pupil Activity Contracts (District & Non-District Personnel)

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education awards **supplemental/pupil activity contracts** to non-district personnel for **2024-25** school year as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from the General Fund unless otherwise indicated:

Non-District

Mary Beth Tuma	AHS Weight Room Monitor	Amt: Hrly Intramural Rate
Mark Adams	AHS Boys Lacrosse Head Coach	Amount: 12%
Mike Kilroy	HMS Swim Club Coach	Amt: Hrly Intramural Rate

District

Stephanie Duncan	HMS Swim Club Coach	Amt: Hrly Intramural Rate
Dmitri Kourennyi	AHS Science Olympiad	Correct/Increase contract to 4%
Pam Prochaska	Weight Room Monitor	Amt: Hrly Intramural Rate
Megan Kozar	HMS Saturday School	Amount: \$24.35/hr
Megan Kozar	AHS Girls Lacrosse Head Coach	Amount: 12%
Janice Bell	AHS Paraeducator Band activities	Amt. Hrly Rate
Janice Bell	AHS Paraeducator Cross Country activities	Amt. Hrly Rate

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb,
Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Schneider

No: None: motion carried

24-190

Approve Bus Stops for the 2024-25 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approve the school bus stops for the 2024-25 school year as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb

Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Schneider

No: None: motion carried

24-191

Approve The Final Budgets for Activity Accounts for 2023-24

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approve the budgets for activity accounts, as per the attached, for Aurora High School, Harmon School, Leighton Elementary School, Craddock Elementary School, and Miller Elementary School for 2023-24

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb.

Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

24-192

Approve the Statement of Purpose and Budgets for Activity Accounts for 2024-25

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approve the "Statements of Purpose" and budgets for activity accounts, as per the attached, for Aurora High School, Harmon School, Leighton Elementary School, Craddock Elementary School, and Miller Elementary School for 2024-25

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Klich,

Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb.

No: None: motion carried

Discussion Item

The Board discussed the proposed Aurora High School Orchestra trip to the Bahamas in March of 2025. The proposed trip, which would leave from Port Canaveral, Florida, would include stops in Nassau, Bahamas, Royal Caribbean's private island Coco Cay, optional guided excursions and a stop at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. The Board had questions regarding excursions from the cruise ship and wanted additional information to ensure the safety of the students before a final decision on the trip is made.

Board Items

Mrs. Mehallis informed the Board that the Aurora Alumni Association will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Kohanski Pavilion at the tennis courts in honor of Jerry Kohanski on September 10, 2024, starting at 4:15 p.m.

Mrs. Mehallis stated the regular September Board Meeting has been changed to 7:00 pm on September 30 at the Aurora City Schools Conference Center.

Mr. Acomb asked Mr. Volosin if the district has been looking into any energy saving alternatives. Mr. Volosin responded that he and Mr. Arquilla have met with Mike Spacek and Tony Barnhart from ECX Marketplace, an energy procurement company, to determine if there would be a cost

savings by the district procuring its own electricity rather than working through the Ohio Schools Council (OSC). The current OSC electricity contract runs through the end of June 2025. ECX conducted an energy auction on August 21, 2024, with 14 companies providing bids on the district's electricity needs. Of the 14 bidders, one company provided a bid price which is currently lower than what is being provided through OSC. Looking at a two-year contract, the lower cost could save the district approximately \$15,000 per year. The district currently expends approximately \$500,000 per year on electricity. As several factors will come into play regarding energy prices over the next several months, including the upcoming presidential election, Mr. Volosin and Mr. Arquilla will continue to monitor costs and work with ECX and OSC to ensure that the district receives the best overall pricing for its energy needs.

24-193
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb,

Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: motion carried

Board President

Treasurer